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Why it matters: Forex regulation and risk mitigation: a key GS3 topic regarding exchange rate stability and speculative curbing.

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10 requests

the cap on individual voter deletion requests during claims and objections periods.

CONNECT TO STATIC

Representation of the People Act, 1950

provides the legal framework for voter list maintenance and actions under Section 31. *In the news:* ECI caps voter deletion requests to 10 after Karnataka bulk filing controversy.

What to know, in 60 seconds each

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RBI prohibits rebooking of cancelled rupee-linked forex derivatives

Why in news: The RBI issued a circular prohibiting Authorised Dealers from allowing the rebooking of cancelled rupee-linked forex derivative contracts and lowered the hedging threshold.

REMEMBER

- Hedging threshold without underlying exposure: Reduced from \$100 million to \$5 million equivalent.
- Cash Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve: 20% required for transactions exceeding \$2 million equivalent.
- Authorised Dealers: Entities permitted by RBI to deal in foreign exchange.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of RBI's regulatory measures on forex derivatives in maintaining exchange rate stability and curbing speculative activities in the Indian economy.

USE : Monetary Policy Exchange Rate Stability

Forex Derivatives Risk Mitigation

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133736

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India delivers Right of Reply at UN General Assembly against nuclear blackmail

Why in news: Anmol Sher Singh Bedi of India's Permanent Mission to the Conference on Disarmament delivered a Right of Reply at the UN General Assembly First Committee

REMEMBER

- Anmol Sher Singh Bedi — Representative of the Permanent Mission of India to the Conference on Disarmament
- UN General Assembly First Committee — The committee responsible for disarmament and regulation of armaments
- Operation Sindoor — Conducted in May 2025 as a response to an April 22, 2025 attack

MAINS ANGLE Discuss India's strategy of using multilateral forums like the UN to counter cross-border terrorism and nuclear coercion by neighboring states.

USE : Nuclear blackmail Cross-border terrorism

Multilateral diplomacy Strategic autonomy

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133758

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ECI caps voter deletion requests to 10 after Karnataka bulk filing controversy

Why in news: The Election Commission of India capped individual voter deletion requests to prevent bulk filing of Form 7 applications following a controversy in Karnataka.

REMEMBER

- Representation of the People Act, 1950 — provides the legal framework for voter list maintenance and actions under Section 31.
- Form 7 — the specific application form used for the deletion of a name from the electoral roll.
- 10 requests — the cap on individual voter deletion requests during claims and objections periods.

MAINS ANGLE Examine the measures taken by the Election Commission of India to ensure the integrity of the electoral roll against fraudulent deletions.

USE : electoral integrity voter list maintenance

procedural safeguards Representation of the People Act

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133624

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MP High Court strikes down law increasing OBC reservation from 14% to 27%

Why in news: The Madhya Pradesh High Court struck down the Madhya Pradesh Public Service (Reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes) Amendment Act, 2019

REMEMBER

- Madhya Pradesh High Court: Judicial body that ruled the 2019 Amendment Act unconstitutional.
- OBC reservation increase: The contested amendment sought to raise the quota from 14% to 27%.
- Unreserved quota: The court ordered filling 13% of held posts with unreserved candidates.

MAINS ANGLE Critically examine the constitutional validity of state-level legislative amendments regarding reservation quotas and their impact on the principle of equality of opportunity.

USE : Constitutional Validity Affirmative Action

Judicial Review Equality of Opportunity

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133635

Dr. Koyyala Ruth John Paul became India's first transgender person to complete a postgraduate

Why in news: Dr. Koyyala Ruth John Paul became India's first transgender person to complete a postgraduate medical course in Emergency Medicine after securing admission via a Telangana High Court order.

REMEMBER

- Dr. Koyyala Ruth John Paul: India's first transgender person to complete a postgraduate medical course.
- Admission year: 2023.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the institutional and social barriers faced by the transgender community in accessing higher education and healthcare professions in India.

USE: Gender diversity Inclusive education Social justice
Judicial activism

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133789

Reliance and Jio prepare Rs 10.3 lakh crore IPO

Why in news: Reliance Industries and Jio are preparing for a potential Rs 10.3 lakh crore IPO, which would be India's largest-ever listing.

REMEMBER

- Rs 10.3 lakh crore — The proposed value of the IPO.
- 270 million — The number of new shares to be issued.
- Rs 1,065–Rs 1,119 — The price band for the shares.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the implications of large-scale corporate IPOs on India's capital markets and the potential for deepening domestic equity participation.

USE: Capital Market Liquidity Equity Participation
Corporate Governance Foreign Direct Investment

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133776

Houthi risks maintain Brent crude premium, pressuring India's import bill

Why in news: Brent crude prices are maintaining a geopolitical premium due to supply risks in the Strait of Hormuz and Red Sea caused by Houthi forces.

REMEMBER

- 5.26 million barrels per day — India's oil import volume in September
- \$100 per barrel — Current price threshold for Brent crude
- Geopolitical premium — Price pressure due to supply risks in the Strait of Hormuz and Red Sea

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the impact of geopolitical instability in the Middle East on India's energy security and its current account deficit.

USE: Geopolitical premium Energy security
Current account deficit Maritime chokepoints

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133783

Trump administration suspends eight firms from Green Card programme

Why in news: KOCHI GTech chairman Jijo G. John is urging the Indian government to intervene following the Trump administration's suspension of eight major firms from the Green Card programme.

REMEMBER

- Green Card programme: Suspended for eight firms including Infosys, TCS, Wipro, HCL Technologies, Cognizant, Microsoft, Adobe, and Capgemini
- Ministry of External Affairs: Clarified that H-1B visas remain valid despite the suspension
- Jijo G. John: Chairman of KOCHI GTech who urged government intervention

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the impact of US immigration policy shifts on India's IT services sector and discuss measures to diversify the Indian tech workforce's global mobility.

USE: Labor Mobility Bilateral Relations IT Services Sector
Immigration Policy

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133769

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Loneliness among 'empty-nest' parents in Karnataka, Haryana and Punjab linked to psychological distress

India–Ethiopia cooperation: India has supported over 220 projects and 70,000 students in Ethiopia, focusing on AI, space, and India Stack.

Gruha Lakshmi scheme: Banks ordered to stop auto-debiting ₹2,000 monthly installments to settle loans or interest without consent.

Delhi Metro: Supreme Court ruled against complete prohibition during protests to balance public safety with commuter rights.

Writ of Mandamus: PIL filed in Bombay High Court seeking to compel Maharashtra government to fill vacancies in 14 bodies.

Cauvery Water Management: Tamil Nadu filed an affidavit alleging Karnataka failed to meet the mandated 4000 cusecs daily release.

Breakfast programme: Telangana's breakfast and milk initiative saw a 20–22% rise in student attendance across 60 schools.

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Market volatility: Nifty 50 and Nifty 500 declined in September 2026 due to rising crude oil prices and FIJ selling.

El Nino and Maharashtra drought could reduce 2026 sucrose content, WMO warns

Railways Act: Passengers face a ₹1,000 fine or imprisonment for playing audio on speaker mode to curb public nuisance.

Bamboo plantation: Manipur Forest Department to plant bamboo on 255 hectares of land cleared for poppy cultivation.

Form 7 applications: Karnataka saw a surge of 19,376 applications in four days amid allegations of bulk deletions.

PB Fintech profit: Nomura cut net profit estimates by 72% for FY28 due to insurance distribution reforms and commission caps.

5 questions, 5 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 With reference to RBI's new regulations on forex derivatives, consider the following statements:

1. Authorised Dealers are permitted to rebook cancelled rupee-linked forex derivative contracts.
2. The threshold for hedging without establishing underlying exposure has been reduced to \$5 million equivalent.
3. A 10% cash Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve is required for transactions exceeding \$2 million equivalent.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 2 only (b) 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

2 With reference to the Election Commission of India's measures for electoral roll maintenance, consider the following statements:

1. Form 7 is the application used for the deletion of a name from the electoral roll.
2. The ECI capped individual voter deletion requests at 10 during continuous updation.
3. The ECI has capped individual voter deletion requests at 15 during claims and objections periods.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

3 With reference to the UN General Assembly First Committee, consider the following statements:

1. The committee is responsible for the regulation of armaments and disarmament.
2. India cited Operation Sindoor as a response to an attack in May 2025.
3. The statement was delivered by the Representative of the Permanent Mission of India to the Conference on Disarmament.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

4 What was the specific percentage of held posts to be filled by unreserved candidates as ordered by the court?

- (a) 50% (b) 14%
(c) 13% (d) 27%

5 How many countries does India currently reach for its oil procurement?

- (a) 35 (b) 41
(c) 62 (d) 50

MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

GS3 • ECONOMY

Discuss the significance of RBI's regulatory measures on forex derivatives in maintaining exchange rate stability and curbing speculative activities in the Indian economy.

USE: Monetary Policy Exchange Rate Stability Forex Derivatives Risk Mitigation Regulatory Compliance

ANSWERS • 1 (a) 2 (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 5 (b)



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